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## EDUCATION

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**Boston University**, Boston, MA August 2018 to Present  
PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science (*Expected May 2024*)  
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations  
Dissertation: “Unraveling the Threads of Refugee Movement: Navigating Resettlement in Spain, Italy, and Germany”  
**Committee:** Noora Lori (Chair), Vivien Schmidt, Elizabeth Cohen, and Heba Gowayed

**Union College**, Schenectady, NY June 2018  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Anthropology  
**Honors:** Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, Magna Cum Laude  
**Honors Thesis:** “New Slaves: The Entrepreneurship of Refugee Lives”

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## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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Unraveling the Threads of Refugee Movement: Navigating Resettlement in Spain, Italy, and Germany (*Dissertation*)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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“The Call for Science Communication and Public Scholarship” (with Monica L. Wang and Jennifer Beard). 2022. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/ibac096>.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Dissertation Fieldwork, Black Europe Summer School  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands June 2023 to July 2023

Dr. Monica L. Wang, Center for Antiracist Research  
Boston University June 2022 to August 2022

Dissertation Fieldwork, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Madrid, Spain September 2021 to June 2022

Professor Kaija Schild, Human Security Co-LAB! Boston University	February 2019 to May 2019
Professor Zoe Oxley, Department of Political Science Union College	November 2017 to March 2018
Dissertation Fieldwork, Eurocoop Servizi Cooperativa Sociale “Jungi Mudu,” Calabria, Italy	November 2017 to December 2017
Justin Mazzola, J.D, Amnesty International USA New York, NY	June 2017 to August 2017
Independent Fieldwork, Refugee Accommodation Space City Plaza Athens, Greece	September 2016 to December 2016
Professor Thomas Lobe, Department of Political Science NY6 Upstate-Global Collective Summer Research	June 2016 to August 2016
Professor George Bizer, Department of Psychology Union College	January 2015 to March 2015
Dr. Sandra Williams, Ph.D., Q-Q Research Consultants Miami, FL	December 2014 to March 2015
Independent Fieldwork, Q-Q Research Consultants Mirebalais, Aquin, Cavaillon, Haiti	December 2014

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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<b>Undergraduate Research Assistance Grant</b> <i>Center for Innovation in Social Science, Boston University</i>	2023
<b>Graduate Research and Travel Grant</b> <i>Center on Forced Displacement, Boston University</i>	2023
<b>Professional Development Grant</b> <i>Professional Development &amp; Postdoctoral Affairs, Boston University</i>	2023
<b>BU Refugee Challenge Semi-Finalist</b> <i>Innovate@BU, Boston University</i>	2023

<b>Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (Short-term)</b>		
<i>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GRS), Boston University</i>		2022
<b>Boston University Summer Internships in the Social Sciences</b>		
<i>Office of the Associate Provost for Graduate Affairs and GRS, Boston University</i>		2022
<b>Fulbright U.S Student Program Grantee</b>		
U.S. State Department		2021
<b>Rappaport Public Policy Fellow</b>		
<i>Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, Harvard Kennedy School</i>		2021
<b>APSA Diversity Fellowship</b>		
American Political Science		2020
<b>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</b>		
National Science Foundation		2018
<b>Fulbright U.S Student Program Finalist</b>		
U.S. State Department		2018
<b>Klemm Fund for International Study and Service</b>		
Union College		2017
<b>David S. Kaplan (1982) Memorial Prize</b>		
Union College		2017
<b>NY6 Summer Research Fellowship</b>		
NY6 Liberal Arts Consortium		2016
<b>Class of 2018 Volunteer of the Year</b>		
<i>Kenney Community Center, Union College</i>		2015
<b>Student Leadership Recognition</b>		
<i>The Eta Chapter of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Union College</i>		2015

## INVITED LECTURES

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### “Refugee Experiences in Southern Italy”

“Immigrants’ Settlement in the EU” Webinar Series  
*Center for the Study of Europe*, Boston University

May 2021

## SELECTED ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

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### “The Price of Being a Refugee: Public Perceptions and Financial Motivations for Refugee Service Provisions in Germany and Italy.”

Interactions in International and Domestic Human Rights  
*Columbia University*, New York, NY

September 2022

Workshop on New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration  
*University of Notre Dame*, Notre Dame, IN

October 2022

### “Refugee Experiences in Southern Italy”

28<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists  
Lisbon, Portugal

June 2022

### “Fear Factor: Taking The Fear Out Of Networking Workshop.”

Research Seminar For U.S. Fulbright Grantees in Spain  
*Fulbright España*, Madrid, Spain

November 2021

### “New Slaves: The Entrepreneurship of Refugee Lives.”

27<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists  
Reykjavík, Iceland\*

June 2020

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference  
San Juan, Puerto Rico<sup>†</sup>

January 2020

Western Political Science Association Annual Conference  
Los Angeles, CA\*

April 2020

26<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists  
Madrid, Spain

June 2019

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\* Cancelled due to COVID-19

<sup>†</sup> Unable to attend due to 6.4 earthquake

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference  
Chicago, IL

April 2019

**“Les Misérable: The Syrian Refugee Crisis and The French Response.”**

National Conference of Undergraduate Research  
Memphis, TN

April 2017

**“The Roots from Where Our Stories Grown: Hair Assists in Reclaiming the Black Identity.”**

National Conference of Undergraduate Research  
Memphis, TN

April 2017

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Graduate Affiliate, Center for Innovation in Social Science, Boston University	Since 2022
American Political Science Association (APSA)	Since 2021
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)	Since 2019
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)	Since 2019
Council for European Studies (CES)	Since 2019
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	Since 2019

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**SERVICE**

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Boston University Graduate Student Advisory Council	2019 to 2020
Boston University Black Law Student Association (BLSA)	2018 to 2020
Boston University Underrepresented Graduate Students Organization	2018 to 2020

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Intern, Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) Boston, MA	May 2021 to July 2021
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Intern, Dewey Square Group Boston, MA	May 2019 to August 2019
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## **LANGUAGE AND METHODS TRAINING**

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**Languages:** English (*Native*), Spanish (*Intermediate*), Italian (*Basic*), Greek (*Basic*)

**Software:** NVivo, R, SPSS, LaTex, Microsoft Office